RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR: അതേ, തടികളം വെട്ടി മാറ്റുന്ന ജോലി കൺട്രാക്റ്റർ കൊടുക്കുന്നാണ് ഉദ്ദേശം.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: ആ ജോലികളം എല്ലാം കൺട്രാക്റ്റർ കൊടുത്തു ചെയ്യിക്കുകയാണെങ്കിൽ ഇത്ര വന്പിച്ച തുക ചെലവാക്കി ഒരു റയിഞ്ചർ പ്രത്യേകം നിയമിക്കേണ്ട ആവശ്യം എന്താണ്?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR: തടികളം വെട്ടിയിറക്കുക, മുതലായ ജോലികളം മാത്രമേ കൺട്രാക്റ്റർ കൊടുക്കുകയുള്ളൂ. എന്നാൽ കൺട്രാക്റ്റർ ചെയ്യുന്ന ജോലി ശരിയായി ചെയ്യുന്നുണ്ടോ എന്നു നോക്കാനും തടികളം നഷ്ടം വരാതെ എവിടെയെങ്കിലും ശേഖരിച്ചു സൂക്ഷിക്കാനും കണക്കുവെയ്ക്കാനും വേണ്ടി ഒരു പ്രത്യേക ഡിവിഷൻ ആവശ്യമുണ്ട്.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: അപ്പോൾ ഡിവിഷനാഫീസർ മൈനംഗിനം തടികളം നഷ്ടപ്പെടാതെ സൂക്ഷിക്കുമെന്നാണോ പറയുന്നത്?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR: ഡിവിഷനാഫീസർ മൈനംഗിനം തടികളം ശേഖരിച്ചിരിക്കുന്ന സ്ഥലത്തുപോയി നോക്കുമെന്നാണ് എന്റെ അഭിപ്രായം. എന്നാലേ കാര്യങ്ങളം ശരിയായി നഷ്ടം വരാതെ നടക്കുകയുള്ളൂ. ഇത് എത്രയും വേഗത്തിൽ നടത്തേണ്ടതുമാണ്.

The question that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 12,500. under Demand XIII Forest was put to vote and carried.

The demand was passed and the grant was made.

DEMAND XVI—STATE TRANSPORT SCHEME—Rs. 2,500.

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: Sir, I beg to move for a grant of Rs. 2,500 under Demand XVI—State Transport Scheme.

The members of the Transport Advisory Committee are members of both the Houses of the Legislature and have been sanctioned Travelling Allowances, subsequent to the drafting of the Budget which was presented to the two Houses in 1120. As such it could not have been included in the Budget. I am, therefore moving that this sum may be granted.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: I oppose this grant. There is absolutely no moral justification for this additional grant. The grant is to be made for the travelling expenses of the Transport Advisory Committee. It is very difficult for me to see what exactly is the additional advantage to the State in the additional travelling that the members of the Committee may make. With a greater elucidation on the subject, I may be in a position to withdraw my opposition. I do not know the exact details of the expenditure. They have not been placed before the House.

MR. PULIYOOR, P. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether the hon'ble member is aware that this House and the sister House elected certain of the members?

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MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI : I am fully aware.

MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN : My impression is that they are allowed to travel free.

MR. N. RAMAMURTI : Under the rules of election all the members of the Advisory Committee for the Transport Department are to meet at least once in three months to advise the head of the Department regarding the operations in various localities of the State from where they come as representatives of the Houses. For this purpose, they have to make journeys from their native places to Trivandrum, to attend the meeting and in addition to the ordinary fare that is paid for their journey from one place to another, there is an additional expenditure for stay and other purposes. Therefore, the Government were pleased to pass at the last Budget Session a certain amount of travelling allowance to those members of the Legislature who were attending these meetings constituted by the two Houses. I therefore move that the House be pleased to vote for the grant of the amount.

PRESIDENT : It was found by Government that if honourable members of the two Houses were to get only the amount paid to them as remuneration the Advisory Committees had no attendance and no quorum. More than one of those Advisory Committees had to be dissolved on account of want of quorum. The reason is that they may not get travelling allowance in addition to their usual allowances. In order to balance the two advantages it was considered useful that there should be some incentive to honourable members to come and attend the Advisory Committees. Whether the attendance of honourable members is worth paying Rs. 2,500 is a matter for the House to decide.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Thiruvalla*) : Sir, I would support the supplementary grant.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI : Then I withdraw my opposition.

The question that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 3,500 as a supplementary grant under Demand XVI—State Transport was put and carried.

The demand was passed and the grant was made.

DEMAND XVII—EDUCATION—Rs. 50,000.

MR. B. PARAMU : Sir, I rise to move for a supplementary grant for B. Rs. 50,000 under Demand XVII—Education. Dr. Alagappa Chettiar of Madras has generously offered to make an endowment of Rs. 1½ lakhs, the payment being spread over a period of 3 years, for the institution of a Chair in Research in the University of Travancore. Government have undertaken to make a contribution of an equal amount for the purpose in view of the possibilities of mineral research in the State and the consequent advancement in commerce. The endowment is being made in monthly instalments by Dr. Alagappa Chettiar of Rs. 4,000 and odd. A sum of Br. Rs. 50,000/- is required for the payment of Government contribution for the current year. I request that the honourable House will kindly agree to this grant.

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